

straight and very short, greyish-brown. Thorax purplish-brown with some whitish scales on the metathoracic segment. Forewing ground colour whitish, densely irrorated purplish-brown except towards costa, giving the appearance of a broad white band running along the costa, except where it is interrupted by fasciae (see below). Three more or less defined dark brown fasciae running obliquely and distally from costa narrowing towards but reaching dorsum; first towards base; second before $\frac{1}{2}$; third at $\frac{3}{4}$. Pre-tornal blotch dark brown. Forewing cilia grey. Hindwings grey, cilia pale ochreous.

The specimen is to be presented, in accordance with the wishes of the captor, to the Derbyshire Entomological Society reference collection.

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RED-NECKED FOOTMAN: *ATOLMIS RUBRICOLLIS* L. IN ESSEX. — At Ingrave (TQ 6292) on 2.vi. 1976, my son Rory found a moth unfamiliar to him which proved to be the Red-necked Footman. The species had not been recorded from Essex since 1952, in which year Mr. A. J. Dewick took it near Bradwell-on-Sea, according to Firmin *et al.*, *Guide to the Butterflies and Moths of Essex*, p. 48. — I. McCLENAGHAN, 20 St. Nicholas Grove, Ingrave, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3RA.

COLIAS CROCEUS GEOF. IN S. E. LONDON, 1983. — Although not myself fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of the Clouded Yellow in my home district (evocative of summer holidays on the south coast in one's youth) following its great invasion last year, I have since been informed that it was repeatedly seen, sometimes even in good numbers, in a small field of lucerne, etc., at Kidbrooke, owned by a Greenwich wildlife conservation group. Less surprisingly, it was noted also farther east in Thamesmead. I kept a frequent look-out on Woolwich Common where clovers and other legumes abound but lucerne is absent. Evidently the latter exerts an attraction so potent as to prevent the butterflies from wandering far afield, even where isolated in a relatively small area. All the same, it does seem a little strange that in my various sorties around Charlton, only two miles from the field at Kidbrooke, I was not favoured with a single sighting. — A. A. ALLEN, 16.ix.84.